IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Raymond Joe et al.

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification: Pages 2-3

Amendments to the Claims: Pages 4-11

Amendments to the Abstract: None

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks: Page 12

Attachments: None